

Instructions for 10% Illness Reporting for Iowa PreK-12 Schools

All Iowa schools serving pre-kindergarten through 12th grade students are asked to report to the Iowa Department of Health and Human Services (Iowa HHS) student absenteeism due to illness on any day when 10% or more of the total students expected to attend in-person learning is absent due to illness. See below for clarification on how to count illness and enrollment when reporting as well as the link for the reporting tool.

TOTAL NUMBER OF STUDENTS ABSENT due to illness of any kind and who were expected to attend school today for in-person learning

COUNT

- Students expected to attend in-person classes who are absent today due to reported illness of any kind including students in isolation due to a suspected infectious disease (e.g., COVID-19)

DO NOT COUNT

- students absent for reasons not related to illness (e.g., vacation, planned medical appointment)
- students attending schools online as expected for the day

TOTAL NUMBER OF STUDENTS EXPECTED for in-person learning today

COUNT

- The number of students reported absent due to illness and isolation who would be expected to attend, PLUS
- Students attending in-person classes today

DO NOT COUNT

- students absent for reasons not related to illness (e.g., vacation, schedule to attend online)

Example: School A has an enrollment of **1000**. On Fridays, normally **500** students are scheduled to attend in-person learning. Of those **500** students, **50** have a parent call in to report the student is ill, **5** are home due to isolation and **one** is excused for a surgery not related to illness. The school should report the following:

Total number of students absent due to illness of any kind: **55 (50 ill + 5 in isolation)**

Total number of students expected for in-person learning today: **499 (do not count non-illness absence)**

Percent absent due to illness: **11%. Report these numbers to Iowa HHS using the tool linked below.**

10% Illness Reporting Tool: <https://redcap.link/iowaschool10pct22-23>

Iowa HHS COVID-19 Guidance: <https://idph.iowa.gov/emerging-health-issues/novel-coronavirus>

Iowa HHS Influenza Information for Schools: <https://idph.iowa.gov/influenza/schools>

We need volunteer schools to report weekly illness! If you are interested or have questions, please call the Center for Acute Disease Epidemiology at (800) 362-2736.